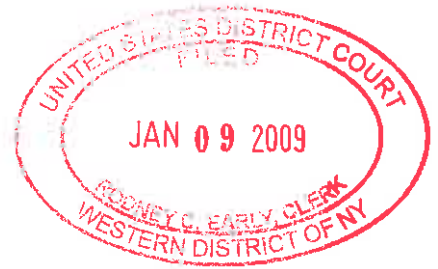


UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK



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NOAH HANCOCK SIMMONS, II,

Plaintiff

DECISION AND ORDER

-vs-

04-CV-6610 CJS

GIAMBRUNO, et al.,

Defendant

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Now before the Court is Plaintiff's Motion to Appoint Counsel [#68]. The Court must consider certain factors in deciding whether or not to appoint counsel. There is no constitutional right to appointed counsel in civil cases. However, under 28 U.S.C. § 1915(e), the Court may appoint counsel to assist indigent litigants. See, e.g., *Sears, Roebuck & Co. v. Charles W. Sears Real Estate, Inc.*, 865 F.2d 22, 23 (2d Cir. 1988). Assignment of counsel in this matter is clearly within the judge's discretion. *In re Martin-Trigona*, 737 F.2d 1254 (2d Cir. 1984). The factors to be considered in deciding whether or not to assign counsel include the following:

1. Whether the indigent's claims seem likely to be of substance;
2. Whether the indigent is able to investigate the crucial facts concerning his claim;
3. Whether conflicting evidence implicating the need for cross-examination will be the major proof presented to the fact finder;
4. Whether the legal issues involved are complex; and
5. Whether there are any special reasons why appointment of counsel would be more likely to lead to a just determination.

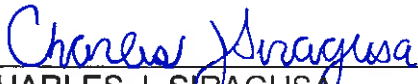
*Hendricks v. Coughlin*, 114 F.3d 390, 392 (2d Cir. 1997); see also *Hodge v. Police Officers*, 802 F.2d 58 (2d Cir. 1986).

Having considered these factors, Plaintiff's application [#68] is denied, for essentially the same reasons given in a previous Decision and Order [#38] of the Court denying appointment of counsel.

SO ORDERED.

Dated: Rochester, New York  
January 5, 2009

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CHARLES J. SIRAGUSA  
United States District Judge